

Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting
San Jose City Hall Wing, room 118
January 20, 2010

6:35 pm- Agenda Item I-Welcome and Chair's Remarks

- Don Gagliardi welcomed everyone and led introductions.

6:37 pm- Agenda Item II- Neighborhoods Commission Update

- Beth Shafran-Mukai outlined the commission's progress to date, by-laws and a formal workplan are in place.
- Current question: How best can the commission support the budget process and have neighborhood voices be heard?
- The commission's priority is for everyone to have access to information. E-blasts will be sent out to provide a link to a website to solicit feedback.
- The Mayor's budget meeting to be held this Saturday, 10am-1pm at City Hall meeting rooms. The meeting will provide an opportunity to review and prioritize the 450 programs supported by City dollars.
- Can contact Beth directly at Beth@Mukai-home.net

6:54 pm- Agenda Item III- Announcements from Councilmember Liccardo

- No new parks are scheduled to be built due to the City's inability to maintain them. Affected parks: Newhall, Martin and Pellier. Options are being reviewed to see how these projects might still move forward (p-bid?).
- St. James Park- There is money available to demolish the community center and replace with grass. Other options for the park are being reviewed.
- Applications are being submitted for CA grants for park development.
- Jobs creation announcement will be made next week.

7:01 pm- Agenda Item IV- VTA Presentation

- Brandi Childress outlined current VTA budget deficit of \$98 billion due to decrease in tax revenue. Deficit will be addressed by a combination of fare increases, service reductions and staff reductions and furloughs.
- Bernice explained the infrastructure plans for BART is supported by separate money. A \$40 million grant from the state will cover some design costs and a tax approved in 2008 will fund operations cost.
- 2018- Possible completion date for BART to reach Berryessa.
- Brandi and/or Bernice are available to attend neighborhood meetings.

7:24 Agenda Item V- D3 Budget Subcommittee

- Tina Morrill gave a powerpoint presentation on behalf of the subcommittee outlining the desire of residents that no more city services be cut.

- Suggest that \$48 million deficit be made up by a combination of employee wage and compensation cuts. Since 2000, employee headcount has decreased, but payroll \$ has increased.
- Suggest 2-tier employee compensation as a way to stem future deficits.
- Presentation will be tweaked to be clearer and more effective.

8:00 Agenda Item VI- Open Forum and Announcements

- Ragan- D3 office, the next few NAG meetings will be held in a different location. February-May meetings will be held on the 17th floor in the City Managers' conference room.
- Meeting adjourned.